Second floor (Clothing Goods) of some large shopping mall
BOOKS
Q12.5
Nice to Meet You

UMM, CAN I GO TO THE BOOKSTORE NOW?
Would Mens' small work?
...OH, EVEN THIS ONE IS TOO BIG
I STILL HAVE TO GET JUNIOR SIZE CLOTHES FOR YOU, HUH
NEON

LOOK, SHIKI
NOW THAT YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW ABOUT WEARING THIS?

WHY ARE YOU SINGING
Oh, underwear ♪
I JUST HAVE TO GET YOU UNDERWEAR NOW ♪
WAIT, I'M ALMOST DONE

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4960 YEN FOR THE SET...
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AH
THIS IS CUTE ♡
SALE
I'LL HAVE TO PUT MORE MONEY INTO THE CLUB FROM NOW ON...
FOR THE BUZZERS AND THE LIKE...
HUH?
HUH?
IS THIS OKAY?
IT'S STARTING TO GET WARM, AND HAVING TOO MUCH CLOTHES NEVER HURT ANYONE
ANYTHING'S FINE...

KOSHIYAMA!
FUKAMI ...!
AH
SHE HID THOSE PANTIES
IT-...IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
What ?
OH, IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?
AH
MOM SAW THAT!!

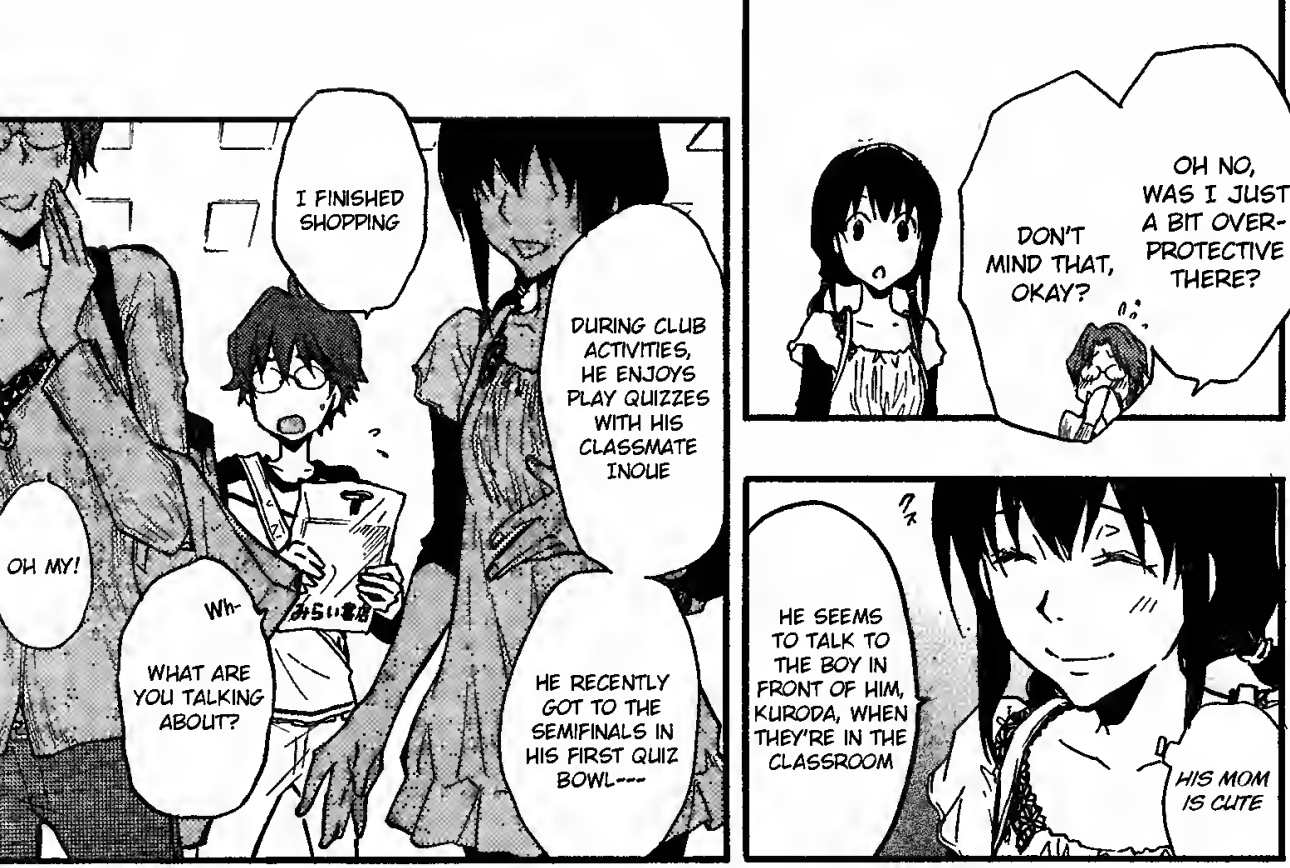
WHY DO I FEEL
UNUSUALLY EMBARRASSED ...?
HUH---? WHO IS SHE?
COME ON, INTRODUCE HER TO ME---
Umm...
SHE'S FUKAMI...
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M MARI FUKAMI
I'M IN KOSHIYAMA'S CLASS
OH MY
I'M SHIKI'S MOTHER
MY SON IS IN YOUR CARE
NO, IT'S THE OTHER WAY
I'M IN HIS CARE, EVEN DURING CLUB ACTIVITIES
そわ
そわ
NEON

BY "CLUB ACTIVIES,"
DO YOU MEAN HIS TIME IN THE LITERATURE CLUB...?
NO, THE QUIZ STUDY GROUP
...HUH?
NEON
みらい書店
BY QUIZZES,
Book Titles: sudoku, crossword, puzzles, etc.
DO YOU MEAN, UMM... THIS?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
OF COURSE, BOOKS LIKE THESE HELP US STUDY,
BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS MORE INTENSE...
IN-... IN-TENSE!?

Yes
FOR MORE AGGRESSIVE KINDS OF QUIZZES
IN QUIZ BOWLS, WHERE WE COMPETE TO ADVANCE!
like so
WE COMPETE USING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND TECH-NIQUES
THAT'S WHAT WE CALL "COMPETITIVE QUIZZES"!
OH MY!
AH
IS HE...
DID I GO OVER-BOARD AGAIN !?
GOOD AT QUIZZES?

YES
I SEE
...OUR FAMILY ONLY CONSISTS OF US TWO, SO I'M NOT ABLE TO LOOK AFTER HIM VERY MUCH
HE'S BEEN ALWAYS READING BOOKS EVER SINCE HE WAS SMALL
HE KNOWS A LOT!
SO KOSHI-YAMA'S FATHER ISN'T AROUND...
HE LIKES READING, SO THAT'S FINE FOR ME,
BUT I'M HAPPY THAT HE'S ABLE TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO SOMETHING ELSE
HE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT SCHOOL VERY MUCH
REALLY?

HUH!?
What are you saying!?
MY SON IS STILL A KID, SO HE'S NOT LIKE THAT YET...
BUT IT'S NICE FOR YOU TO GO SHOPPING WITH HIM
MY OLDER BROTHER DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE WITH THE REST OF MY FAMILY NOW...
WELL, THAT'S A BOY FOR YOU
SO...
HOW IS HE DOING AT SCHOOL?
AT...AT MAKING FRIENDS AND THE LIKE
FRIENDS?
ISN'T HE...QUIET? ISN'T HE ALWAYS SPACING OUT LIKE HE'S NOT THERE AT ALL?
SO,
HOW IS HE DOING?
AH
COME AGAIN?


I FINISHED SHOPPING
DURING CLUB ACTIVITIES, HE ENJOYS PLAY QUIZZES WITH HIS CLASSMATE INOUE
OH MY!
Wh-
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HE RECENTLY GOT TO THE SEMIFINALS IN HIS FIRST QUIZ BOWL---
DON'T MIND THAT, OKAY?
OH NO, WAS I JUST A BIT OVER-PROTECTIVE THERE?
HE SEEMS TO TALK TO THE BOY IN FRONT OF HIM, KURODA, WHEN THEY'RE IN THE CLASSROOM
HIS MOM IS CUTE
HUH~ ~?
Ah
SHOW ME, SHOW ME!
ANYWAY, WHAT DID YOU BUY?
show us
Li-
LIES!
GIRLS' TALK!

Travel around the year: Early summer issue

Beautiful Buddha statues feature

YOU DON'T EVEN GO ANYWHERE, AND YOU KEEP BUYING THESE BOOKS
IT-... IT'S OKAY
EVEN IF I DON'T GO THERE, READING ABOUT IT AND LOOKING AT THE PICTURES IS VERY INTERESTING
THESE BOOKS HAVE LOTS OF INFO FOR ENTHUSIASTS
IT HAS MORE INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY AND LOCALE THAN ONE WOULD THINK ...AND...
WOW!
S-... SORRY
HE'S QUITE STRAN-GE...
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING AND TRY TO LEARN ABOUT THEM, NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT IT IS!
I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU SO AMAZING, KOSHIYAMA!
YOU'RE REALLY SUITED TO BECOME A QUIZ PLAYER!

I HAVE TO TAKE THIS LESSON TO HEART!!
...
...
EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT
GO AHEAD

FUKAMI ...IS KINDA STRANGE, HUH
...YEAH
BUT SHE'S A GOOD GIRL
Y... YEA
SO WHAT DID YOU TWO TALK ABOUT...

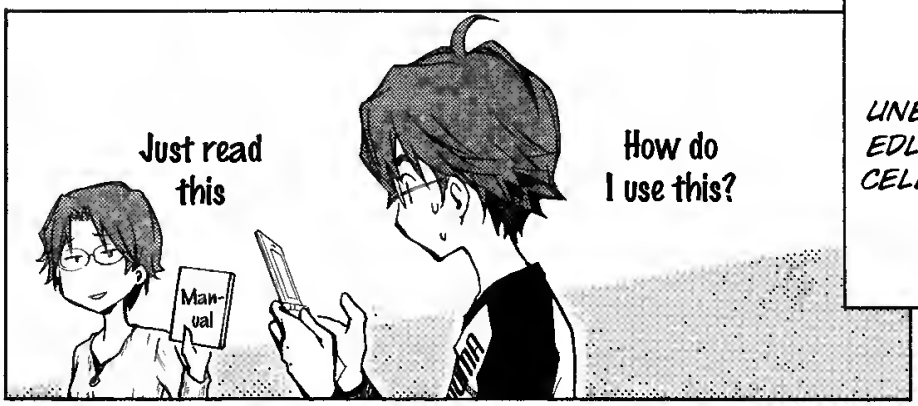
THE QUIZ CLUB SOUNDS FUN
IT'S A STUDY GROUP
...FUKAMI
GOT ME INTO PLAYING QUIZZES

THANKS TO HER, I HAD MORE FUN, AND ALSO MADE FRIENDS
I-... I CAN CALL THEM FRIENDS, RIGHT?
CLASS-MATES... FELLOW CLUB MEM-BERS...
SORRY, MY PARENTS HAVE ASKED ME TO RUN AN ERRAND FOR THEM. EXCUSE ME
NO, THANK YOU FOR TALKING WITH ME. I HAD FUN
ME TOO!
I KNOW

KOSHIYAMA, LET'S EXCHANGE OUR MAIL ADDRESSES
WE CAN CONTACT EACH OTHER ABOUT THE QUIZ GROUP AND STUFF
OH
MAIL ADDRESS?
S-...SORRY, I DON'T HAVE A CELL PHONE...
I SEE
WELL, SINCE WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS, THAT'S OKAY
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW!
bye-bye
SALE
SALE
SALE
SALE
Ahh
GIRLS ARE SO NICE~~ HAVING A DAUGHTER IS SO NICE~~
SHIKI!
WAH

SHIKI KOSHIYAMA (15)

UNEXPECTEDLY GOT A CELL PHONE



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